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The total attendance of visitors during the year has been 550,289, an increase over last year of 28,195. Including students, total attendance, 745,112.

It is noticeable that the attendance upon Sundays is less than that upon Saturdays, though greater than that upon Wednesdays. Formerly the greatest attendance was upon Sunday, and we do not know the reason of the change. The Museum is open only four hours upon Sunday, but eight upon the other free days.

LIBRARY ATTENDANCE

During the last three months the number of visitors at the Ryerson Library has been :

	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
Students, -	4,749	4,535	4,287
Visitors, - -	852	722	632
Consulting visitors,	666	450	502
	<u>6,267</u>	<u>5,707</u>	<u>5,421</u>
Total, March, April and May,	17,395.		

LECTURE ATTENDANCE

Lectures in Fullerton Memorial Hall during March, April and May :

26 Lectures to members and students, - - -	6,397
49 Lectures to students, -	15,835
31 Other meetings and lectures	<u>7,416</u>
Total attendance, -	29,648

The fine cast of the great portal of the Cathedral of St. Gilles (in Blackstone Hall) has been completed by the addition of the doors and the elaborate wrought iron hinges. Permission was asked of the Trustees of Carnegie Institute at Pittsburgh to reproduce these doors from those in their possession, to which they responded by making the casts themselves and presenting them to the Art Institute, a courtesy cordially appreciated.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

In the school the attendance for the year has been as follows :

Day students, - - -	1,098
Evening students, - - -	1,931
Saturday classes, - - -	1,440
Summer school, - - -	<u>439</u>
Total, - - -	4,908
Counted in two classes, - - -	764
Corrected total, - - -	4,144

The increase in the total number of students has been from 2,563 in 1906-7 to 4,144 in 1907-8, or 62 per cent; in the day school from 949 to 1,098, or 16 per cent. The tuition fees this year are \$77,958.71, last year 53,349.89, an increase of \$24,608.82, or 46 per cent. The school expenses have increased from \$56,339.80 to \$74,136.68, or 31 per cent, and there is a favorable balance of \$3,822.03.

By authority of the Trustees, the tuition fee was increased by about 20 per cent, so that the regular day student pays \$30 for the term of twelve weeks instead of \$25 as heretofore, and other classes proportionately. The increase in total tuition receipts was due in part to this, but also in part to the increase in the number of regular students, and also to the great influx of public school teachers in the evening and Saturday classes. It is noteworthy that the growth of the school has not been checked by the increase in tuition rates.

It is a remarkable thing that the school department of the Art Institute has never received any bequests or money gifts, and has not now, at the beginning of its thirtieth year, one dollar of endowment. Great things might be done with suitable endowment.